The Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations

FNBFA History

INCEPTION

- Founded in 1970 by an informal group of New Brunswick faculty members
- incorporated in 1981
- today represents approximately 1500 regular and contract academic staff from five faculty associations and six university campuses

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MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

- The FNBFA is "the voice of university faculty and academic librarians across the province. We seek to advance our members' professional interests and to improve the quality of our education system."
- primarily a vehicle for lobbying the provincial government on matters connected with higher education

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Examples of critical work:

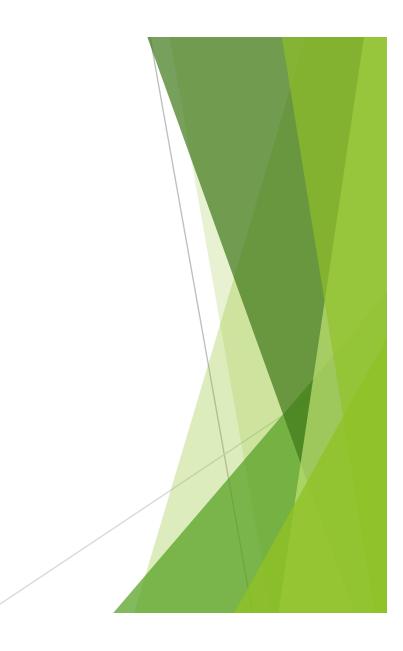
- Resistance to McKenna's wage freeze
- Resistance to the Miner-L'Écuyer Report, the Government's Self-Sufficiency Action Plan (2007)
- Resistance to Conciliation Boards
- Critical support during strikes and lock-outs
- Requests under Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- Semeluk Scholarship
- Lobbying for accessibility of post-secondary education

FNBFA Board of Directors Rights and Responsibilities

(www.legal-info-legale.nb.ca)

Rights of Board Members

- access to resources and files
- notice of meetings
- right to attend meetings
- right to vote
- right to review and approve minutes
- introducing new business or raising concerns



FNBFA Board of Directors Rights and Responsibilities

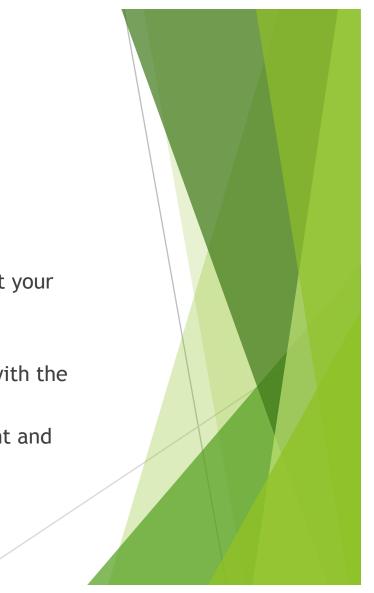
Legal Duties of Board Members

- acting in the best interests of the organization
- making informed decisions about the issues at hand
- avoiding negligent or careless acts
- taking reasonable steps to foresee and manage risks to the organization or others.
- avoiding conflict of interest

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To obey laws, bylaws and regulations by:

- learning about the laws, bylaws and regulations that impact your organization
- ensuring the organization is abiding by these
- reading and asking questions to ensure you are complying with the organization's governing documents
- ensuring the organization's governing documents are current and accurate



Current PSE Issues

- University funding
- ► Transparency
- Corporatization of universities
- Research funding and research autonomy
- Casualization of academic work
- Autonomy of universities and performance indicators
- Experiential learning
- Indigenization of the academy
- Accessibility of PSE and student debt

